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In re application of :
E. Raspe *et al.* : Examiner: S. Chunduru
Serial No.: 09/646,924 : Group Art Unit: 1656
Filed: September 25, 2000 :

For: **USE OF ROR RECEPTORS FOR SCREENING SUBSTANCES USEFUL
FOR THE TREATMENT OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS**

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 16 and 22 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of screening a substance for usefulness in the treatment of
a lipid metabolism dysfunction comprising contacting said substance with a ROR receptor, or a
response element thereof involved in the regulation of the apo C-III gene, and measuring the level of
apo C-III gene expression.

3. (Twice Amended) A method of screening a substance for usefulness in the treatment of
a lipid metabolism dysfunction, comprising contacting said substance with (a) a receptor of the ROR
family involved in the regulation of the expression of the apo C-III gene, (b) a response element of the
ROR receptor, or (c) a nuclear factor which functionally couples ROR to a RNA polymerase
complex, and then measuring: